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WSP to Promote Truck Safety

Captain Coral Estes, Commander of the Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division (CVD) announced today that personnel will be participating in "Roadcheck 2004". This is the 17th year for the event sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).

Approximately 10,000 CVSA certified inspectors will be on the job June 8 through 10, performing inspections at scale house locations and along major highways. Officers from all 50 states, Canada and Mexico will be participating in the 72 hour event.

The annual Roadcheck focuses on commercial motor vehicle and driver inspections. Roadside inspections are an everyday occurrence, with more than 3 million conducted in North America by CVSA certified inspectors in 2003.

Last year CVD personnel performed 1,559 commercial motor vehicle inspections in Washington State during the 72 hour event. A total of 2,610 violations were found, with 20 percent of the trucks placed out of service and 3 percent of the drivers.

"It's a chance to focus on commercial motor vehicle equipment and the importance of maintaining it" said Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell Porter. "We welcome the opportunity."

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